



What Matters Most

GENEROSITY

Philippians 4:10-22

Outline:

- A. Relational Generosity (10-14)
- B. Resourcing Generosity (15-18)
- C. Reality of Generosity (19-20)
- D. Result of Generosity (21-23)

10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. Final Greetings

Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²² All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

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Discussion Questions:

1. Are you content? Read verses 11 and 12 and discuss how you react in the three seasons of life Paul mentions (humbling seasons, abundant seasons, and seasons of need).
2. Are you generous with your resources? Can you think of a time when you were able to bless someone through your personal generosity? How did blessing someone else affect you?
3. Do you believe that God will supply "all" your needs? What does that look like? Discuss.
4. Can our generosity impact the culture around us? Read Philippians 4:22. Paul ends his letter with one of the most exciting sentences in the scripture. How did the generosity of the Philippians church transform the lives of these people?
5. Think about some areas your life where you can be more generous. Develop a plan to use your gifts and finances to further the kingdom by investing in the work of God. Maybe it's working at the Rescue Mission or going on a short term mission trip. It may be just spending time with your neighbor. The possibilities are endless!